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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Information Disclosure Statement filed September 11, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 11, 2007 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance on August 27, 2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In regard to **claim 1**, the prior art does not teach or reasonably suggest a camera that implements an automated zoom control function with a zoom burst recording mode, wherein at least one automatic zoom mode is selected prior to depressing the shutter button, and the user selectively chooses one or more of the images having different zoom levels for storage. The prior art also does not teach that the automatic zoom modes to be set are selected from a near priority mode, a far priority mode, a custom wide angle priority mode, and a custom zoom priority mode.

Similarly, regarding remaining independent **claims 7, 8, and 14**, the prior art does not teach or reasonably suggest a camera (or method of operating a camera) that implements an automated zoom control function with a zoom burst recording mode, wherein at least one automatic zoom mode is selected prior to depressing the shutter button, and the user selectively chooses one or more of the images having different zoom levels for storage. The prior art also does not teach that the automatic zoom modes to be set are a near priority mode, a far priority mode, a custom wide angle priority mode, and a custom zoom priority mode.

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As for **claims 2-6, 9-13, and 15-20**, these claims are either directly or indirectly dependent upon allowable independent claims 1, 7, 8, and 14, and thus claims 2-6, 9-13, and 15-20 are considered to be allowable, as well.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory V. Madden whose telephone number is 571-272-8128. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ngoc Yen Vu can be reached on 571-272-7320. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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